



Sustainability in Remediation

CRG Brown Bag

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Agenda

12:00 The Case for Remediation Sustainability – Dave Ellis

12:20 Remediation Sustainability – Brandt Butler and Jason Chen

- Methodology
- Examples
- Site X

12:45 Path Forward – Dave Ellis

12:50 Open Discussion

Some Observations on Cleanups

Cleanups consume large amounts of money, time, and resources and accomplish little risk reduction

Few cleanup technologies work. Those do not work in a lot of places

Science tells us that cleanup rates are limited by diffusion and desorption, some cleanups take centuries

Cleanups emit CO₂ and other greenhouse gasses, send a lot of material to landfills, occupy substantial number of worker hours, etc., etc...

Dirt is constantly being buried and permanently lost in landfills. Why?

Surely we can do better!

Sustainability and Cleanup Methods

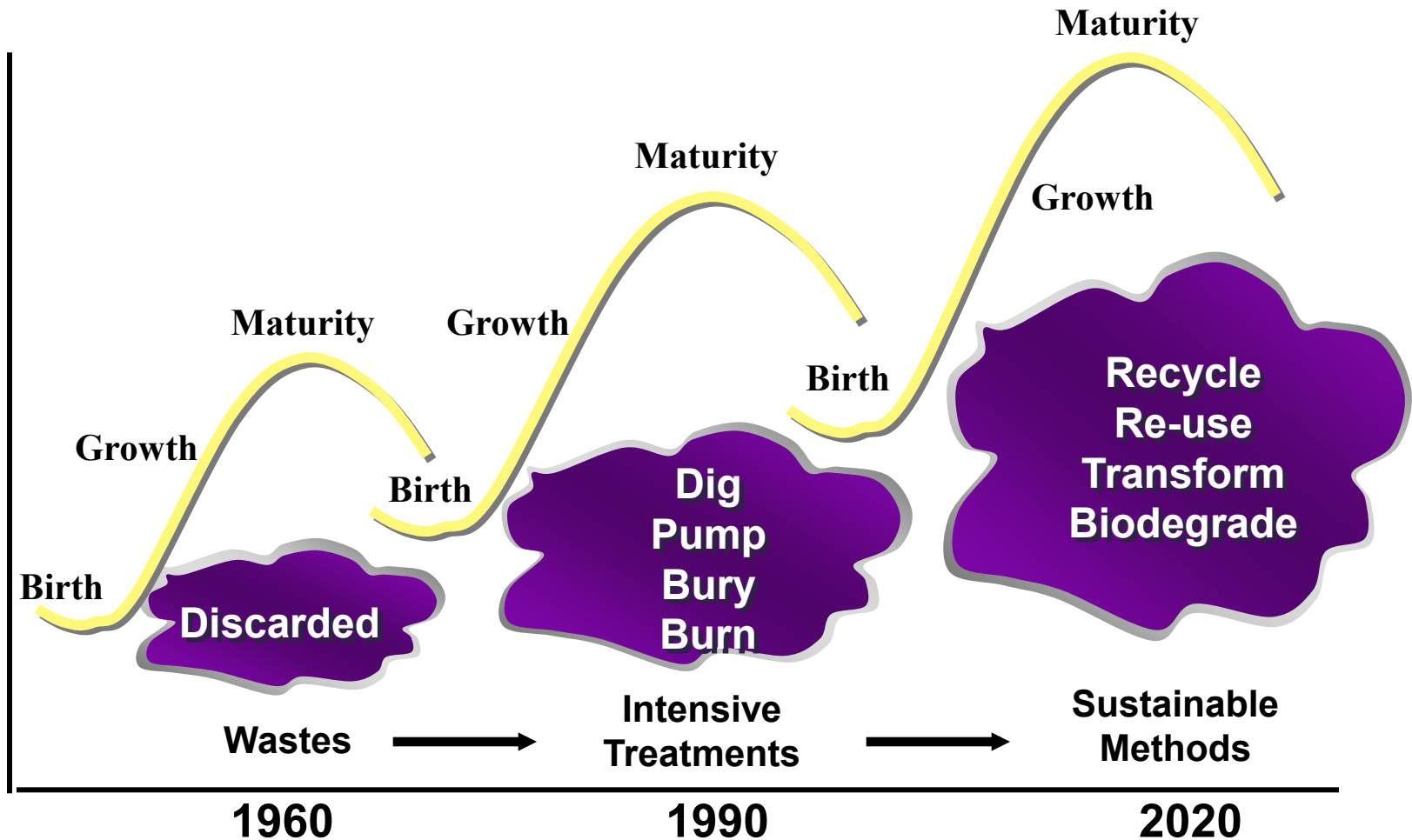
DuPont is trying to learn how we can connect sustainability and remediation

If a cleanup will take centuries, DuPont wants to be certain to use the most sustainable methods we can identify, and suggests that more sustainable cleanup methods should be given priority.

Selecting a sustainable remedy considers: protecting HH&E, global warming, recycling, resource preservation, waste generation, safety, etc...

However, without a common language or system of measurement, these claims will be confusing.

How Can We Transform Our Thought Process?



DuPont's Earlier Sustainability Actions

We emphasized using recycled materials to build remedies

We substituted wastes for reagents in building cleanups

Three examples which won awards:

Ferdula, NY – Wind powered remediation

East Chicago, IN – slag to clean up arsenic

Newport, DE – iron grinding chips, gypsum from WWT

Wind Powered Remediation





A 30' x 2,200' trench with 43,000 tons of slag cleans up arsenic

**The finished cleanup
No moving parts, no arsenic**



Sustainable Remediation Principles

Our working concepts:

DuPont, in fulfilling its obligation to remediate sites to be protective of human health and the environment will embrace sustainable approaches to remediation that provide a net benefit to the environment.

To the extent possible, these approaches will:

- Minimize or eliminate energy consumption or the consumption of other natural resources;
- Reduce or eliminate releases to the environment, especially to the air
- Harness or mimic a natural process;
- Result in the reuse or recycling of land or otherwise undesirable materials.

Two Characteristics Types of Sustainable Remedies

Remedies that permanently eliminate a contaminant from soil, water, air volumes, e.g.

- Soil washing
- Oxidation/reduction
- Biodegradation

Remedies that provide other “green” benefits relative to other remedies, e.g.

- Lower CO₂ production
- Use renewable resources
- Designed and operated to optimize long-term net environmental benefits

These approaches are not mutually exclusive

Thinking Differently About Cleanups

Similar to life cycle analysis

Understand each major task

Define the major inputs and outputs

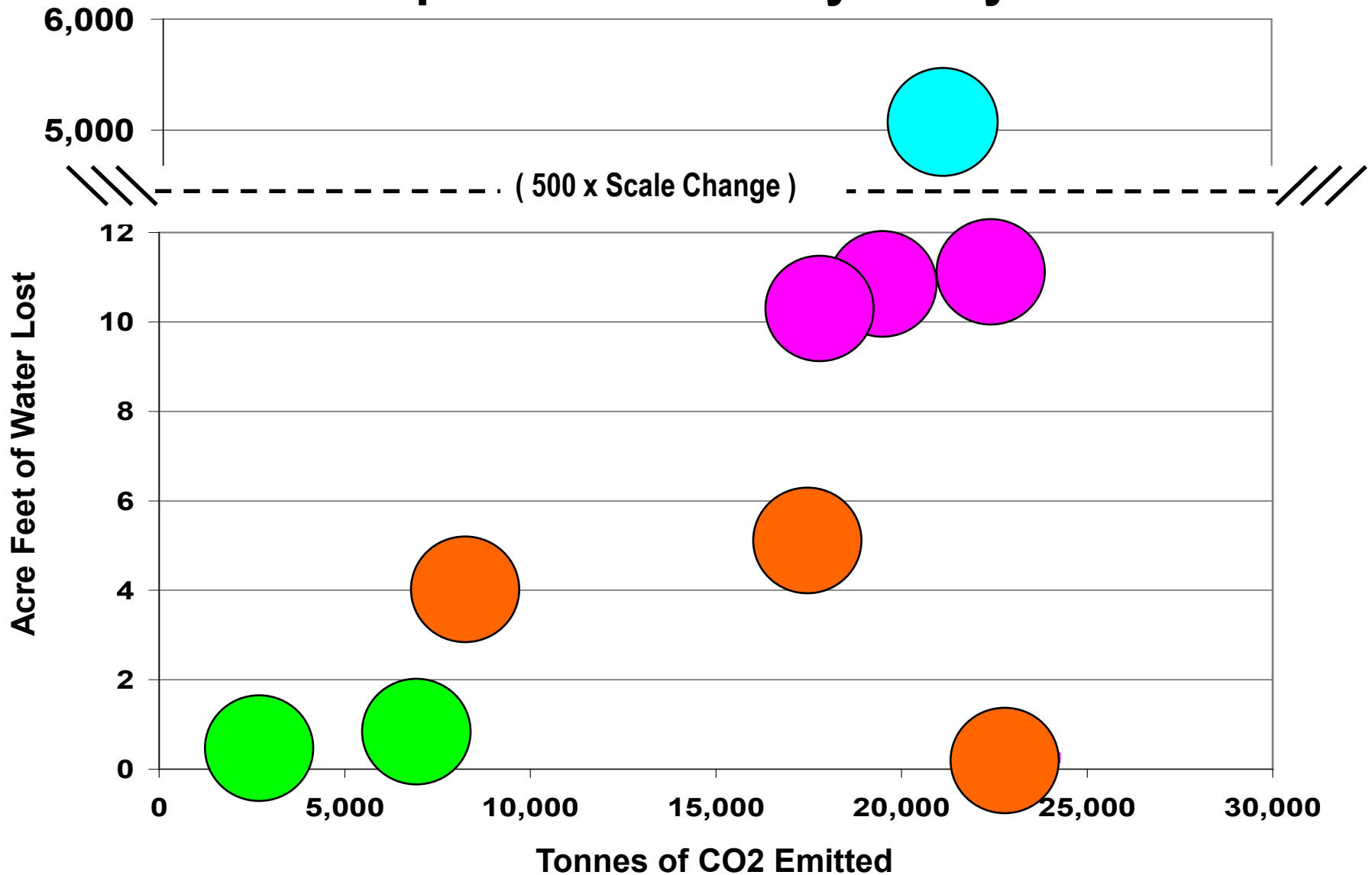
Think resources instead of contaminants

Sum up those you can identify

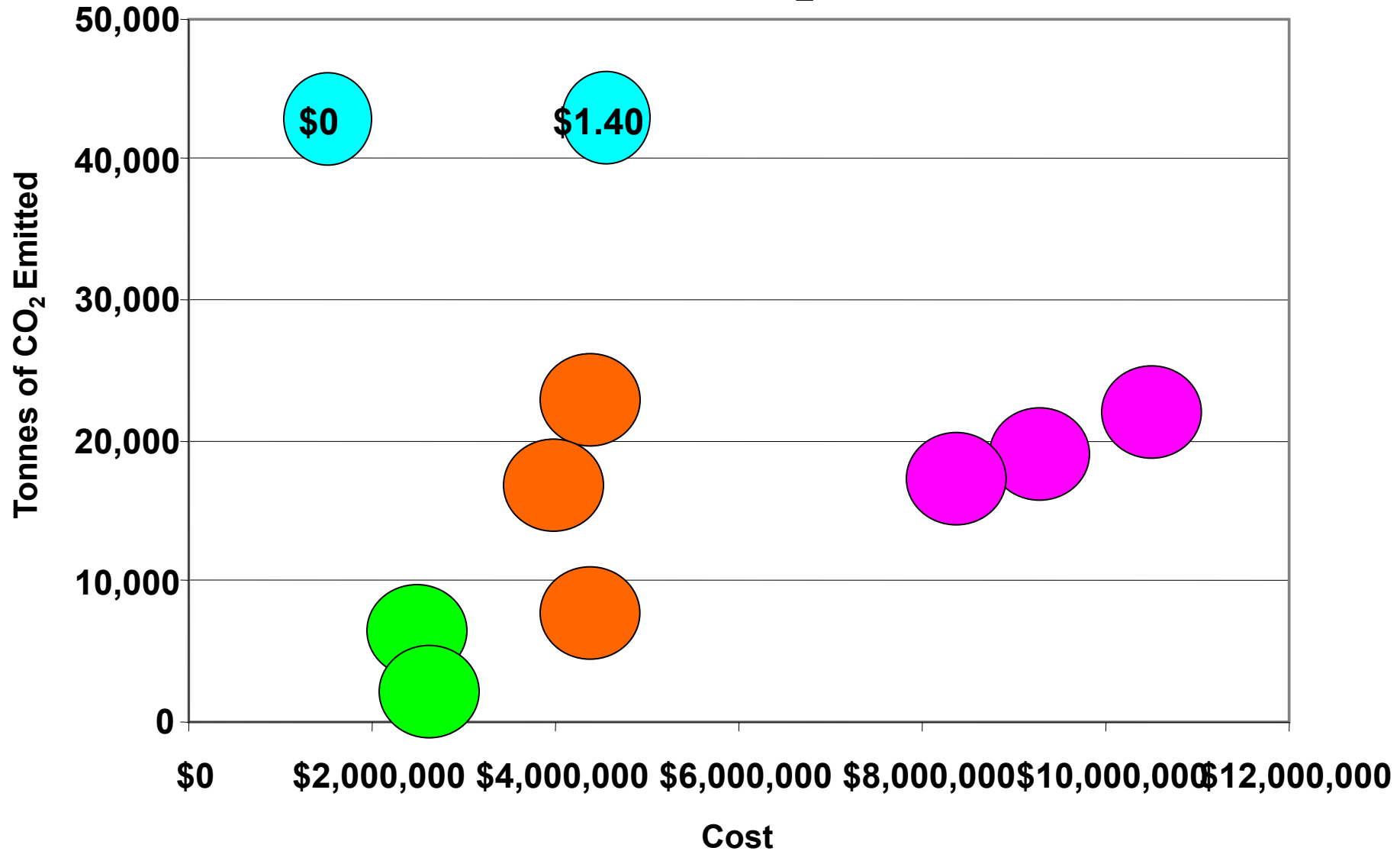
Don't over analyze – it's dark underground

The process of thinking differently changes perspectives and leads to less expensive yet more effective solutions

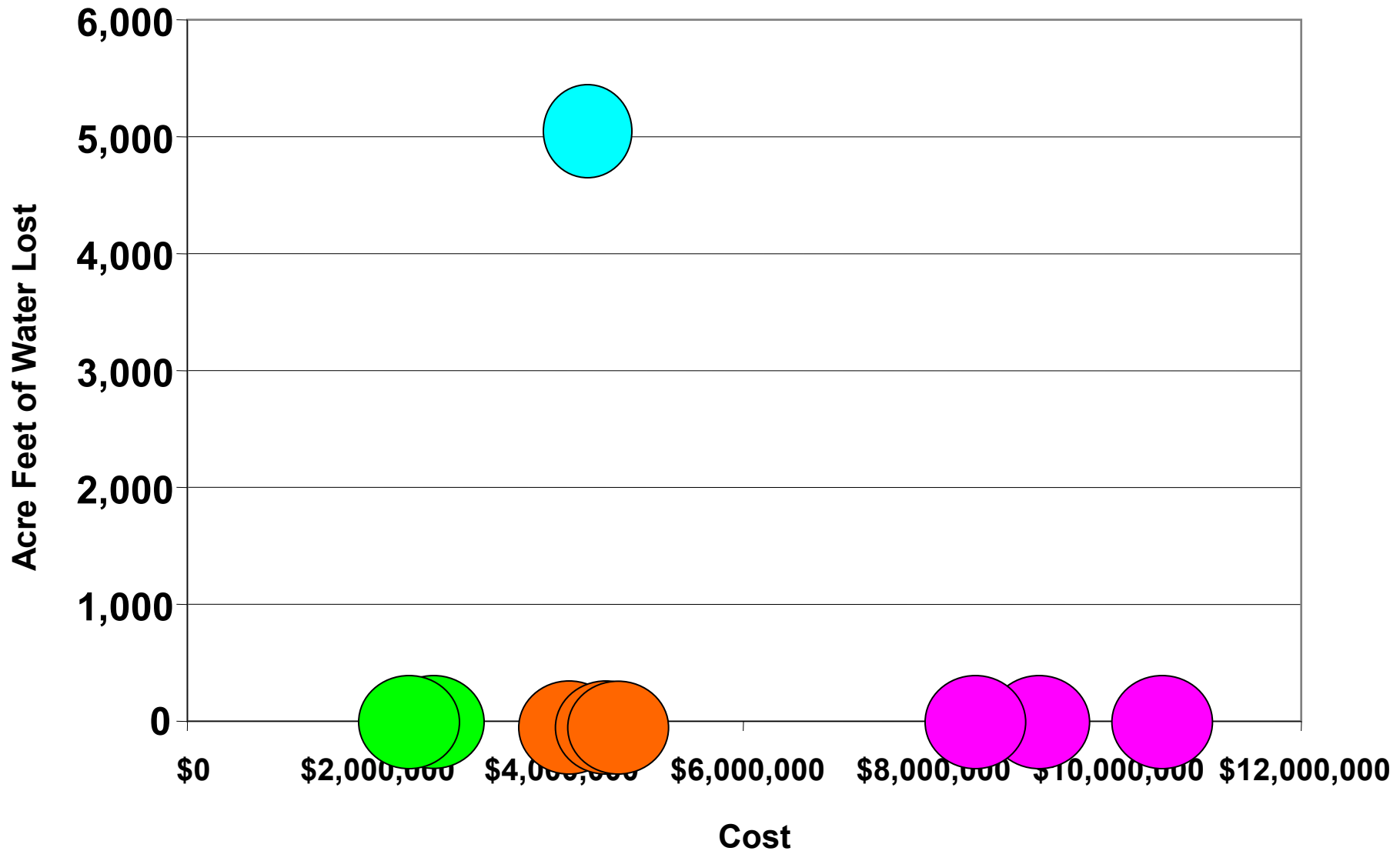
Example Sustainability Analysis



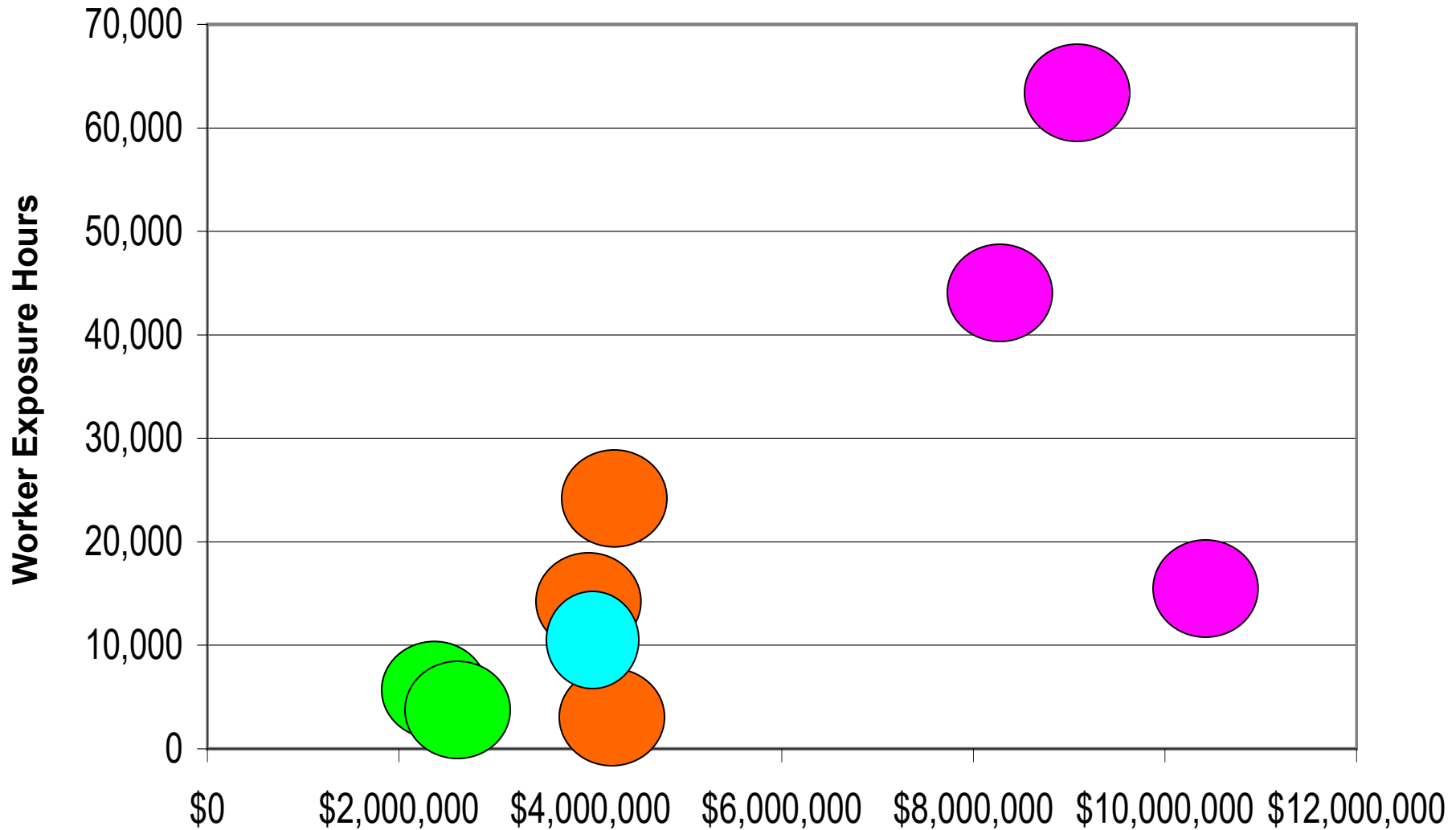
Cleanup Cost vs. CO₂ Emissions



Cleanup Cost vs. Water Loss



Cleanup Cost vs. Exposure Hours



Making Remediation Decisions

	Safety	Risk Reduction	Regulatory	Public Relations	Liability	Technical	Implementation Cost	Sustainability	
General Objectives:	Minimize H&S exposure	Protect human health and the environment	Control off-site COC migration, plume stability	Maintain positive relationships	Eliminate / minimize	Long-term effectiveness no O&M	Minimize Cost	Net Benefit to the Environment	Scoring Results
Option A	5	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	18
Monitoring	Minimal exposure	Likely not acceptable long-term	Does not control migration or stability	May be viewed as not responsive to problem	No immediate impact, liability may increase	Not effective in reducing mobility, toxicity or volume		CO2 emissions minor	
Option B	3	5	4	5	5	3	3	2	30
Downgradient Control	Some exposure during installation and operation	Acceptable at POE short and long-term	Plume migration control, may not control stability	Highly visible, may have positive short-term results	Positive impact, off-site migration is curtailed	Reduces mobility, toxicity, not volume		CO2 emissions 8,500 tons, minor recycling	
Option C	3	5	5	4	3	5	4	1	30
Source Control	Some exposure during installation and operation	Acceptable throughout long-term	May have longer-term effect on migration and stability	Highly visible, results may be longer-term	Longer-term, positive impact on liability	Reduces mobility, toxicity and volume		CO2 emissions 50,000 tons, significant landfilling	

* Note:

Scale is based on 5 to 1, where 5 is the most positive impact on each category while a 1 represents the most negative impact.

Financial Impact of Considering Sustainability

Sustainability analyses drive you toward remedial actions that have lower energy use, lower off-site transfers, and lower labor hours

All of these contribute to selecting lower-cost remedies as well as remedies with low external impacts

Using natural processes leads to technologies such as MNA, biodegradation, and in-situ technologies

What Is DuPont Going to Do About This?

Pursue a sustainable remediation program

Develop internal methods and standards

Engage external customers and stakeholders, including regulatory agencies and other companies

Measure our performance

- **emissions**
- **acres of land raised to their highest practical level of re-use**
- **volume of hazardous material sent to landfills**
- **mass of contamination removed from the environment**
- **remedies evaluated for sustainability**

Recycle land

External Engagements

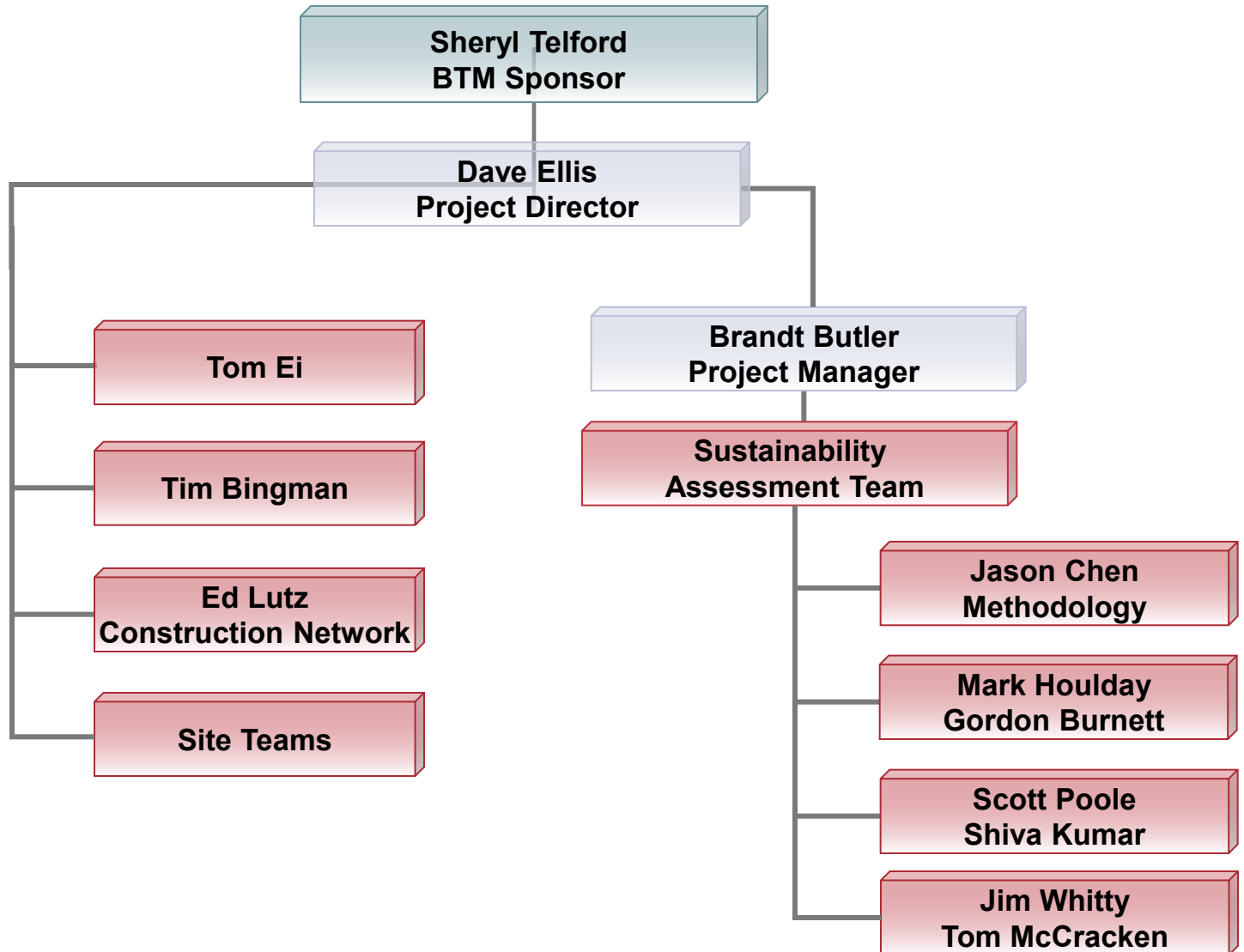
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- AHC June 22
- EPA June 27
- SABRE September 12
- Chambers Works SAB September 26
- NJ DEP October 5
- Honeywell October 10
- Open sustainability meeting November 13 or 15. Invitees include:
 - Companies: GE, Dow, PSEG, Chevron, Shell, GeoSyntec
 - Academics: NJIT, British Geological Survey
 - Government: EPA, DoD, UK EA, NJ DEP, CAL EPA
 - NGO's: Environmental Defense

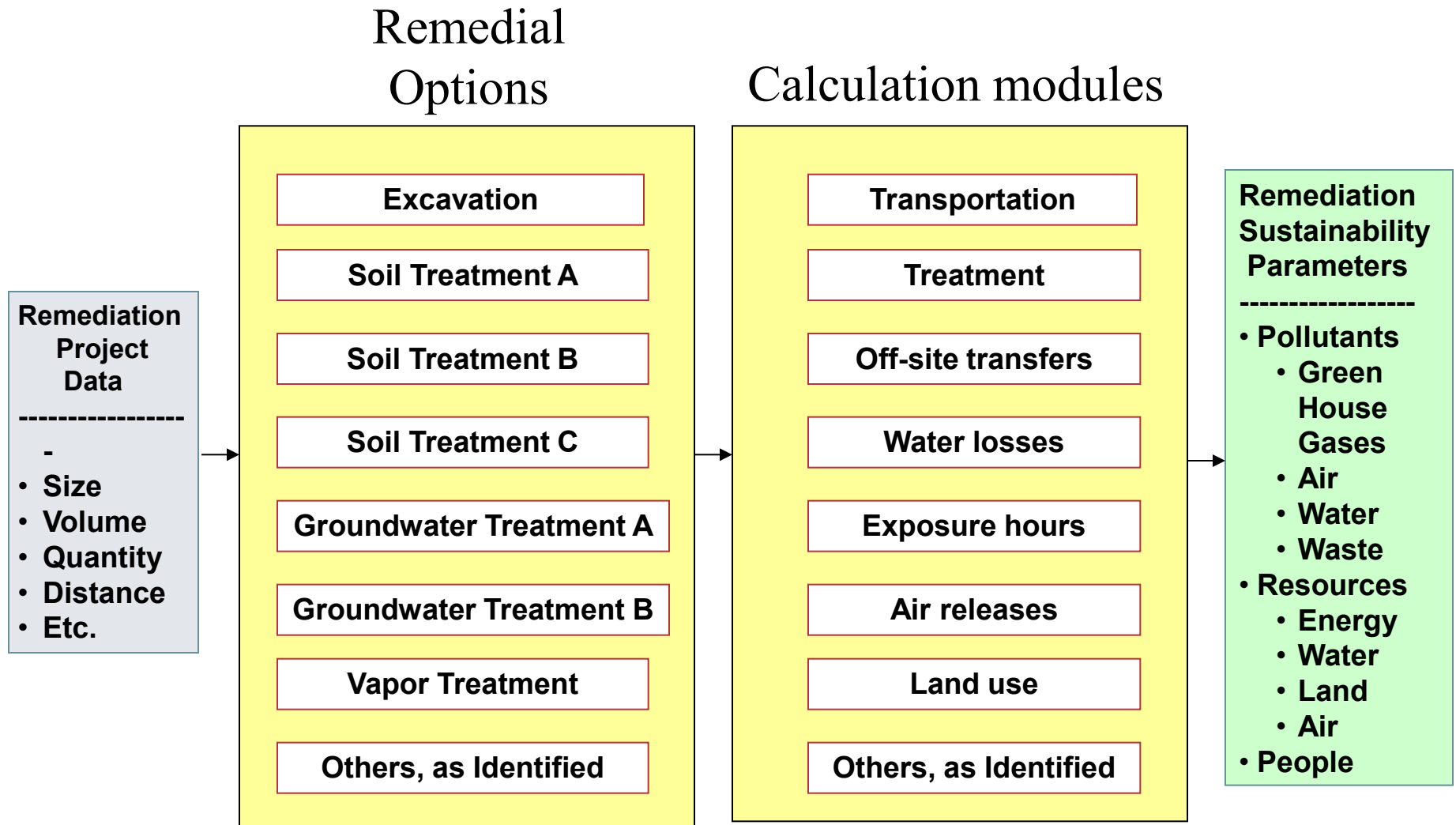
Remediation Sustainability

- **Conceptual Framework**
- **Evaluation Methodology**
- **Site Assessments**
- **Hypothetical Site X**

CRG Sustainability Team



Conceptual Framework for Sustainability Analysis



Creating the Modules

- **Is there an existing evaluation for a similar process?**
- **Revise or create new module(s) by revisiting assumptions and calculations**
 - Different processes
 - Better understanding of actions or assessment factors
 - Data sources: EPA (AP-42), state websites, Google!
- **Peer-review with URS team and CRG support**

Sustainability Measurements

Natural Resources

- Energy
- Treatment Materials
- Water
- Land

Pollutants

- CO₂ (Fuel and degradation)
- NO_x, SO_x, VOCs, PM-10
- Water discharges
- Hazardous and Non-hazardous Waste

Exposure Hours

- Contractors
- Oversight

Sites and Remedies Evaluated

Bell Landfill

- Offsite GW Disposal
- Spray Irrigation
- Wetland

Chambers Works SWMU 8 – In progress

Carteret

- Dig & Haul
- Ex-Situ Treatment
- Capping

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- Pump and Treat
- Bio-stimulation

Example Sustainability Assessment: Managing Bell Landfill Leachate

Former industrial landfill

- 13 hectare
- Soil cap, grass
- 200 m³/yr leachate

Current off-site disposal

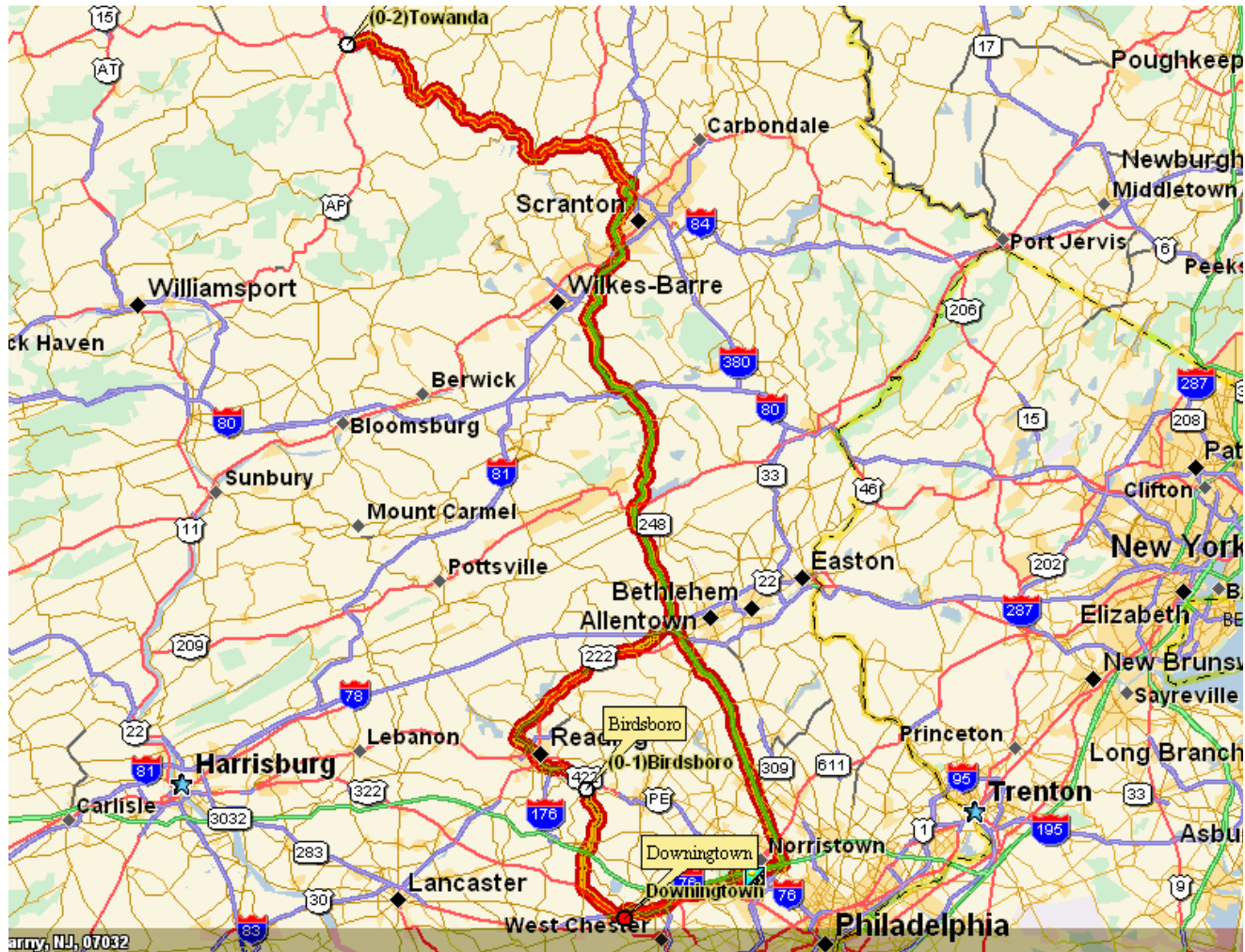
- Leachate collection
- Every two weeks
- Transport (640 km)
- Disposal at POTW

Alternate technologies

- Constructed wetland
- Spray irrigation



A 640 Km Trip for Every Load of Leachate



Bell Landfill Technology Assessment

Technology	Energy Consumption	Resource Use	Releases to Environment
Off-site disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disposal • Electricity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pumping - Disposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diesel fuel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon dioxide • Mobile-source pollutants • Fixed-source (electricity) pollutants
Constructed wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holding cell - Wetlands • Electricity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pumping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diesel fuel • Soil for holding cell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon dioxide (fuel less fixation) • Mobile-source construction equipment pollutants • Fixed-source (electricity) pollutants
Spray irrigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holding cell - Spray field • Electricity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pumping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diesel fuel • Soil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon dioxide (fuel less fixation) • Mobile-source construction equipment pollutants • Fixed-source (electricity) pollutants

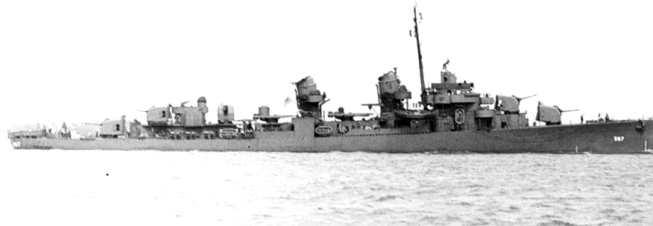
Bell Landfill Sustainability Metrics

Sustainability Metric	Offsite GW Disposal	Wetland	Spray Irrigation
Energy			
Fuel (GJ)	(46,222)	(439)	(439)
Resources			
H ₂ O (cubic meters)	(5,734)	0	0
Land (hectare)	0	0	0
Releases			
CO ₂ (ton)	610	(2,859)	(2,826)
NOx (ton)	97.3	1.6	1.7
SOx (ton)	8.4	0.1	0.1
VOCs (ton)	0.0	0.4	0.4
PM-10 Fugitive (ton)	748	0.4	0.4
PM-10 Combustion (ton)	7	0.1	0.1
Sludge (ton)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0
Exposure Hours	25000	2300	2300

Equivalents of the Bell Landfill CO₂ Reduction



**2,500 round trips
to Europe**



**USS Bell DD-587
2,800 tons of steel**



**5,827,000
miles in Dave's Z4**



**Fly 478,000
coconuts to England**



**Build 1,730 rabbits to
throw at the English**



**Grow 39,400
shrubberies**

Assessing Sustainability – Hypothetical Site X

Site Characteristics

- 0.5 Acre of BETX - 10 ft deep
- Groundwater elevation 2 ft BGS
- Soil hydraulic conductivity = 10^{-3} cm/sec
- GW Disposal – 1 well - 500 gpd
- BETX: 500 mg/kg treat to 50 mg/kg
- Transportation: Landfill and GW disposal, 100 mile RT
- Treatment: 0.5 lb/lb of BETX via geoprobe every other year for 5 years
- Source Biotreatment with geoprobe injection (4 per treatment)

Technologies

- Offsite Groundwater Disposal
- Source Removal
- Source Biotreatment

Offsite Groundwater Disposal

Natural Resources

- Energy
 - Install Wells
 - Pump GW
 - Disposal GW
- Water

Pollutants

- CO₂ (Fuel and degradation)
- NO_x, SO_x, VOCs, PM-10

Exposure Hours

- Contractors
- Oversight

Source Removal

Natural Resources

- Energy
 - Excavation
 - Hauling (Disposal and Backfill)
 - Support Equipment

Pollutants

- CO₂ (Fuel)
- NO_x, SO_x, VOCs, PM-10
- Non-Hazardous Waste

Exposure Hours

- Contractors
- Oversight

Source Biotreatment

Natural Resources

- Energy
 - Mob/demob (People, equipment, treatment materials)
 - Inject Treatment Materials
- Water


Pollutants

- CO₂ (Fuel and Degradation)
- NO_x, SO_x, VOCs, PM-10

Exposure Hour

- Contractors
- Oversight





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Path Forward

Long Term Plans for Sustainability

Track CRG's sustainability assessments

Track the remedies chosen and sustainability impacts to understand the impact of sustainability analysis

Periodically adjust our strategies until we believe we have optimized our process

Engage the outside world

Pending Sustainability Evaluations

Chambers Works – SWMU 8

Waste

- Soil Capping
- Excavation and on-site Landfill
- Aerobic Bioventing

Ground Water

- DNAPL Recovery
- Shallow Slurry Wall
- Deep Slurry Wall
- Aerobic Biosparging
- Anaerobic Biostimulation

2007 Sustainability Assessments

Feasibility Studies

- Barnam Avenue
- Ch Wks Salem Canal
- Louisville
- Louviers SWMU 20/24
- New Haven
- Pompton Lakes Delta
- Repauno NB Area
- Tecumseh Leachate
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Possible

- Grasselli Site-wide
- Rochester Driving Park
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Cost Estimates vs Sustainability Assessments

What technologies do we still need to assess?

Modules Available (January 1, 2007)

- **Constructed Wetlands**
- **Dig and Haul**
- **In-situ Aerobic Stimulation**
- **In-site Anaerobic Stimulation/Augment**
- **Ex-situ Stabilization**
- **Off-site GW Disposal**
- **On-site GW Disposal**
- **Off-site Haz Waste Disposal**
- **Off-site Waste Disposal**
- **On-site Haz Waste Landfill**
- **Slurry Wall**
- **Soil Cover**
- **Spray Irrigation**

What others do we need to assess?

- PRB
- Other in-situ treatments
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- Sediment
 - Removal
 - Treatment
 - Cover
- Soil Washing
- Others
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Open Discussion